

**County Council Meeting**  
**June 17, 2014**

**Present: Steve Winsett, Blake Bunner, Matt Knepper, Bill Spaetti, Jack Kroeger, Dave Kress, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam**

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from May 20<sup>th</sup>. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Additional Appropriations**

**County General**

**Jail/Medical, Hospital & Dental                      \$75,000.**

Request was made by Sheriff Kermit Lindsey. Jim McDurmon was present and explained to the Council that the money was needed because we had a \$30,000 carry over from 2013, and since the middle of last year we have had only county inmates which means we are totally responsible for all medical bills. We currently house 64 county inmates. We have one inmate who has surpassed the catastrophic limit.

Winsett said his problem with this is that County General is technically running in the red.

Auditor Lynam explained that we have money in the bank and settlement will be done by the end of June. SBOA told us that we could run in the red as long as the fund is replenished: as soon as settlement is complete the money will go into County General so this isn't a problem.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$75,000. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed. Winsett again voiced his concerns that he didn't feel we should be appropriating additional money when we are currently running in the red.

**Circuit Court/Pauper Attorney                      \$48,692.**

Judge Dartt made the request and spoke to the Council letting them know that this is not new money he is requesting, just the reimbursements received for pauper attorney fees from the state. Bunner made a motion to approve the \$48,692. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed.

**Psychological Evaluation                              \$5,000.**

Judge Dartt made the request and spoke to the Council. Dartt explained that we had a defendant who raised a mental illness issue, when this happens we have to give him the right to advance that defense. Bunner made the motion to approve the \$5,000, but added an addendum to the motion asking the court to please pursue restitution from the defendant. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed.

**Guardian Ad Litem                                      \$9,000.**

Judge Dartt made the request and spoke to the Council. He explained that this was a bill from an Attorney who had been serving as a Guardian Ad Litem and had waited until the end of the case to file his bill. Spaetti made a motion to approve the \$9,000. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved with Winsett opposed.

**Transfers**

**Highway Department**

**Decrease Lease Rental                              \$100,000.**

**Decrease Leadman                                      \$ 17,000.**

**Increase Equipment                                  \$117,000.**

Chuck Painter made the request and spoke to the Council. He explained that by transferring the money into Equipment we wouldn't have to pay interest on what we are buying we could just buy it outright. Spaetti made a motion to approve the transfer. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Community Corrections**

**Decrease Consultant Contracts                      \$1,200.**

**Increase Computer Equipment                      \$1,200.**

Richard Hedrick made the request. Janice Weber spoke to the Council and explained that they

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had the money in the grant but had put it in the wrong line item so they needed to have that money transferred. Weber also told the Council that their grant for next year had been increased by \$8,464.

**New Business**

Bunner said he wanted to publicly congratulate the South Spencer Lady Rebels for winning the State Championship in Softball. Bunner then stated that our annual budget meetings are coming up and we need to set some dates for those. Budget hearings were set for Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday August 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 A.M. each morning. Spencer County Economic Development Commission asked to have Melvin Held reappointed to the Board. Spaetti made a motion to reappoint Melvin Held. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

David Gogel, President of the County Commissioners, spoke to the Council about moving some of the dispatchers from Jail in the County General budget to the 911 budget to take some of the pressure off of County General. Gogel said since we talked about this at the last meeting he had done some figuring and we could easily shift five dispatchers into 911 and then at budget time we can look at the figures and decide what we want to do in 2015. Attorney Ayer will do a Salary Ordinance Amendment.

There was some discussion of the Insurance Renewal and the costs associated with that. The Insurance Broker and a Representative of SIHO are going to give a presentation at the Meeting in July for the Council Members.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

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Auditor, Jane Lynam	
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